IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

MONDAY, THE 29TH OCTOBER 2007 / 7TH KARTHIKA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 6526 of 2007

(CRIME NO. 67/2007 OF NOORANADU EXCISE RANGE)

PETITIONER/ACCUSED

SAJI @ MANOJ, AGE 28 YEARS,
S/O SHAHADEVAN, PATHIYANTHARAYIL VEEDU,
ELIPPAKULAM, VALLIKUNNAM VILLAGE,
MAVELIKKARA TALUK.

BY ADV. SRI.C.SUNIL KUMAR

RESPONDENTS/COMPLAINANT:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,ERNAKULAM.

2. THE EXCISE INSPECTOR, NOORANADU EXCISE RANGE.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. S.U. NAZAR

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/10/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

B.A.No.6526 of 2007

Dated this the 29th day of October 2007

O R D E R

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act. The petitioner was allegedly found to be in possession of 100 litres of wash on 02/10/2007. He was arrested and continues in custody from that date. He has no history of any criminal antecedents, submits the learned Public Prosecutor.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the investigating officer is granted reasonable further time to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that regular bail can be granted to the petitioner subject to appropriate conditions.

3. In the result, this petition is allowed. The petitioner can now be enlarged on bail on the following terms and conditions:

i) The petitioner shall not be released on bail on the strength of this order prior to 06/11/2007. The investigating officer shall, in the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

ii) He shall execute a bond for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate.

iii) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the investigating officer between 10 a.m and 12 noon on all Mondays and Fridays for a period of two months from the date of his release and thereafter as and when directed by the investigating officer in writing to do so.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007